(c) whether there are any guidelines for issuing licences to zoos?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) There are 178 recognised zoos, 497 sanctuaries and 89 national parks in the country.

(b) and (c) The Central Zoo Authority is the nodal authority for granting recognition to zoos in the country. Recognition is granted by the authority after evaluation of the zoo with reference to standards and norms prescribed under the 'Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992'.

Improvement of Environment in Gujarat

2162. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the projects undertaken for improvement of environment in Gujarat during the last two years;

(b) the extent of success achieved; and

(c) the details of other such projects to be undertaken in the State during the remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Environmental clearance to Andhra Pradesh Proposal

2163. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONEMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of proposals sent by Andhra Pradesh Government for environmental and forest clearance;

(b) the present status of these proposal; and

(c) by when the clearance is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The details and status of 87 proposals received for forestry clearance from 1998 to June 2001 and 15 proposals received for environmental clearance during July, 1998 to

June 2001 from Andhra Pradesh Government are given in the Statement (*See* below).

Of the 87 proposals received for foresty clearance, 47 have been approved, 22 rejected on merit, 6 closed for non-furnishing of wanting details by the State Government, 1 withdrawn by the State Government, 2 under active consideration of the Ministry and 9 are pending for want of essential information from the State Government. As regards the 15 environmental clearance proposals, 10 have been approved, 1 closed for non-furnishing of wanting details and 4 pending for want of essential information from the State Government/project proponents.

The Ministry is committed to clear all such proposals, which are complete in all respects within 90 days. In case of incomplete proposals, no decision can be taken on these proposals till wanting details sought from the State Government/project proponent has been received. As such no time limit can be fixed for clearance of these projects.

Statement

Present Status of the proposals received from Andhra Pradesh

A. FORESTRY CLEARANCE PROPOSALS

S. No.	Name of Proposals	Area (HA.)	Status
1.	Mining of OCP-II Manuguru to SCCL, Khammam	87.00	Essential details sought on 30.5.01
2.	Coffee Plantation	80000	Essential details sought on 8.3.2001
3.	Renewal of Under ground mine of SCCL, Adilabad	970	Approved in-principle on 14.6.01
4.	Bauxite mining of APMDC Ltd. in Chittangondia area	250.48	Rejected on 3.5.01
5.	Mining to SCCL-Kakatiya Khani 9 & 9A, Warangal	431.00	Essential details sought
6.	Mining to SCCL-Kakatiya Khani 5 & 5A, Warangal	144.00	Approved in-principle on 20.3.01
7.	Mining lease for limestone, Adilabad	698.26	Approved on 10.1.01
8.	Opencast Mining lease to M/s SCCL, Adilabad	140.30	Essential details sought on 28.2.01

S. No.	Name of Proposals	Area (HA.)	Status
9.	Konapalli-Seethurampuram Road, Prakasam and Nellore	22.40	Approved on 17.11.2000
10.	Survey & investigation Velgonda project		Approved 27.10.2000
11.	Reservoir across Palemvagu in Khamam	273.04	Approved in-principle on 1.5.01
12.	Restoration of Tularam project, Khamam	83.95	Approved in-principle on 15.2.01
13.	Underground mine by SCCL in Warangal dist.	235	Approved
14.	Renewal of limestone mining lease of ACC in Adilabad	92.18	Approved on 18.7.2000
15.	Limestone mining to of Madras Cement, Krishna	60.72	Approved on 20.3.01
16.	Open cast Phase-I coal mining to SCCL, Khammam	236.00	Approved on 14.5.01
17.	Cheyyur medium Irrigation Project, Cuddapah	54.00	Closed on 23.4.99
18.	Excavation of DBM 48 in Warangal	40.44	Approved on 4.5.01
19.	Reservoir across Kovada Kalva, W. Godavari	39.27	Approved in-principle on 10.11.98
20.	Kothagudum Open Cast Mining to SCCL, Khammam	124.00	Approved on 8.2.99
21.	Mining of minerals to Indian Rare Earth, Vishakhapatnam	229.00	Rejected on 28.6.99
22.	Limestone min. to Rashtriya Ispat Nigam, Vishakhapatnam	180.00	Approved
23.	Iron ore mining to Mahabaleshwarapa, Anantpuram	20.24	Approved on 12.11.99
24.	Renewal of limestone lease to Panyam Cements, Kurnool	148.76	Closed
25.	Renewal of Mining lease to KCP Ltd.	38.00	Approved on 20.6.00
26.	Survey & exploration of Uranium by Atomic Energy Corp.	—	Rejected on 8.7.99
27.	Talcher to Banglore transmission line to Power Grid	45.546	Approved on 15.11.99
28.	Mining of Stealite by Dayal Minerals, Kurnool	2.52	Rejected on 1.3.99
29.	Mining of Stealite by Shakthi Minerals, Kurnool	3.00	Rejected on 1.3.99
30.	Reservoir across Peddagadda, Srikakulam	3.75	Approved on 28.6.2000

S. No.	Name of Proposals	Area (HA.)	Status
31.	Renewal of mining for Clay, etc. to V. Satyam, Cuddapah	1.62	Approved on 29.1.99
32.	Sand stowing plant to SCCL, Khammam District	2.00	Approved on 27.7.99
33.	Right of way to Prasad Seed Ltd., Ranga Reddy	0.48	Closed on 30.12.98
34.	Mining lease to, M. Tulsi Reddy, Kurnool	0.90	Rejected on 20.4.99
35.	Mining of Stealite by Shakthi Minerals, Kurnool	3.22	Rejected on 10.12.98
36.	New tank across Sonnapornala, Adilabad	0.88	Rejected on 4.3.99
37.	Reservoir for water supply to Tirupati Town, Chittoor	1.00	Approved on 19.8.98
38.	Mining lease to 36 individuals, Kurnool	32.40	Rejected on 11.6.99
39.	Mining lease to 6 individuals, Kurnool	5.40	Rejected on 23.4.99
40.	Mining lease to 39 individuals, Kurnool	35.10	Rejected on 30.12.98
41.	Centenary incline at Yellundu to SCCL, Khammam	4.77	Approved on 22.12.99
42.	Conversion of cart track road into motor road, Ranga Reddy	0.34	Rejected on 4.6.99
43.	33 KV line near Ahobilam, Kurnool	1.80	Approved on 20.11.98
44.	Renewal of mining China Clay to M. Changel Reddy, Cuddapah	0.81	Approved on 18.1.99
45.	Mining of road metal to Ganesh Stone Crushers, Krishna	0.86	Rejected on 22.6.99
46.	Quarrying stone for Vattivagu Project, Adilabad	2.00	Approved in-principle on 2.7.99
47.	Bangalore-Madras transmission line to PGCIL, Chitoor	13.78	Approved on 10.12.99
48.	Renewal of mining for Stealite to Narsu and Co., Anantapur	9.85	Approved on 29.2.2000
49.	Renewal of mining lease to Tellabodu Co., Nellore	17.63	Approved on 7.8.2000
50.	Mining lease for black granite to Tirumala Granite, Chittoor	6.10	Rejected on 8.2.99
51.	Renewal of mining lease to Amratesh Mining Co., Nellore	16.19	Approved in-principle on 6.10.2000
52.	Renewal of mining for quartz, etc. to Nagendra Mines & Minerals, Nellore	12.14	Approved on 23.2.2001

S. No.	Name of Proposals	Area (HA.)	Status
53.	Anicut across Yerraguttavagu in Mehaboobnagar	6.10	Approved on 15.12.99
54.	New tank across Telamalamanda in Nalgonda	18.00	Withdrawn by State on 19.1.2000
55.	Land compensation to Smt. Battumangalji, Warangal	7.70	Closed on 28.6.99
56.	Approach road for RKIA Incline to SCCL, Adilabad	8.26	Approved in-principle on 13.10.2000
57.	Mining lease to Venkateswara Vadde Stone cutter labour contract Co-op Society, Kurnool	5.90	Rejected on 24.6.99
58.	Mining quartz, Vermiculate, mica etc. to SK. Bibijan, Nellore	2.00	Closed on 20.12.99
59.	Mining of barytes by S. Shankar Reddy, Prakasam	1.97	Under process for decision
60.	Diversion in Kapilathirtham in Chittoor Distt.	0.79	Rejected on 22.7.99
61.	Approach road from Sonayapalem to Mangapadu Rehabilitation Centre, Nellore	0.90	Approved on 25.6.99
62.	Approach road to High level bridge at Kollapur-Molachinthapally road, Mahaboobnagar	0.89	Approved on 9.12.99
63.	Quarry lease to V. Ram Babu, Visakapatnam	4.50	Rejected on 28.10.99
64.	Renewal of mining lease to I.P. Ramaiah, Kurnool	0.99	Rejected on 28.10.99
65	By-pass road Prodattur-Nellore-Bellary road, Cuddapah	0.82	Approved on 5.7.99
66.	Pilgrimage cum study centre, Krishna	1.00	Rejected on 22.12.99
67.	Mining lease to individuals, Kurnool	8.00	Rejected on 22.12.99
68.	Nimmavagu project, Khammam	19.82	Approved in-principle on 21.6.2000
69.	Mining of road metal, etc. to D. Shivakumar Reddy	2.00	Approved on 27.7.2001
70.	Road from mines to factory to NCL, Nalgonda	2.71	Closed on 17.11.2000
71.	Gas pipeline by ONGC Limited, East Godavari	0.25	Approved on 17.11.2000
72.	Mining of stealite to Sreenivas Mineral Co., Anantapur	4.05	Under process

S. No.	Name of Proposals	Area (HA.)	Status
73.	Construction of Anicut across Neelandrivagu, Khamman	2.41	Approved in-principle on 29.12.2000
74.	Jakkampadi Major Canal, Krishna	19.10	Approved in-principle on 26.6.2000
75.	N.S. Canal Medicheria Minor, Krishna	14.26	Approved in-principle on 7.6.2000
76.	Industrial building to Amararaja Batteries, Chittoor	4.44	Approved in-principle on 10.11.2000
77.	Renewal of lease to Deccan Limestone Co., Kurnool	18.62	Approved in-principle on 24.1.2001
78.	Quarrying road metal to K. Koteswara Rao, Guntur	3.00	Approved on 23.5.2001
79.	Land compensation to W.H. Lateef, Ranga Reddy	1.71	Essential details sought on 28.5.01
80.	Quarrying lease to Tirupalu, Guntur	4.00	Approved in-principle on 29.6.01
81.	Laying pipeline in Ulindakanda Dhone & 28 others habitation site, Kurnool	0.04	Essential details sought on 16.3.01
82.	Construction of choultry to Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Seva Samiti, Guntur	0.76	Rejected on 26.3.01
83.	Quarrying minor mineral to Ch. Tirupalu, Guntur	2.00	Essential details sought
84.	11 KV line to Amaralingeswara Swamy temple, Guntur	0.98	Approved on 30.3.2001
85.	33/11 KV line Mahaboobabad-33/11 KV substation, Warangal	1.75	Essential details sought on 12.4.01
86.	Cuddapah Renigunta Road, Cuddapah	2.18	Essential details sought on 27.4.2001
87.	Exploration in Kolleru lake by ONGC, E. Godavari	6.50	Rejected on 14.5.2001

B. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE PROPOSALS

S. No.	Name of the Projects	Status
	Industrial Projects	
1.	Vizag-Secunderabad LPG Pipeline by M/s Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)	Approved on 20.12.2000
2.	Vijayawada-Secunderabad pipeline expansion project by M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)	Approved on 11.04.2000
3.	Natural Gas Pipeline Project from Tatipaka to Kondapalley by M/s Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)	Approved on 12.1.2001
	River Valley Projects	
4.	Vamsadhara Project, phase-I of Stage-II (Right Main Canal)	Additional information is awaited from project authorities.
5.	Nagarjuna Sagar Tail Pond dam Hydroelectric Project (2×25 MW), by Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Ltd.	Approved on 14.06.2001
	Mining Projects	
6.	Opencast limestone mine, Nalgonda District of M/s My Home Cement Industries Ltd.	Approved on 22.11.1999
7.	Nadikudi captive opencast limestone mine of M/s Gujarat Ambuja Cements Ltd.	Approved on 21.12.1999
8.	Ravirala limestone mine of M/s Madras Cement Ltd.	Additional information is awaited from project authorities
9.	Kolmigundla group of limestone mine M/s Madras Cement Ltd.	Additional information is awaited from project authorities
10.	Expansion of limestone mine, Nalgonda District of M/s My Home Cement Industries Ltd.	Additional information is awaited from project authorities.
11.	Tumalpenta limestone mine of M/s Larsen & Toubro	File closed in December, 2000 for non-furnishing of additional information

S. No.	Name of the Projects	Status
	Infrastructure Proposals	
12	POL Storage Facility at Kakinada by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)	Approved on 29.04.1999
13.	Proposal for import of Propylene through pipeline at Visakhapatnam Port Trust by M/s Andhra Petrochemicals	Approved on 03.02.2000
14.	Exploitation of free Gas from GS-15/23 marginal off shore field-laying of pipeline in CRZ area by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)	Approved on 22.12.2000
15.	Setting up of POL Terminal and docklines at Kakinada by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)	Approved on 01.08.2001

Noise pollution in Delhi

2164. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of residential colonies of Delhi have excessive levels of noise all the day and the noise level is set to rise in the coming years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many cases of children with partial hearing loss due to vehicular noise pollution have been received in AIIMS and children are very sensitive to noise and, as a result, get harmed more easily; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check the noise pollution?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) According to a study conducted by Delhi Pollution Control Committee in 1996, in 14 out of 46 residential colonies noise levels were found to be exceeding the prescribed standards.

(b) According to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, cases of children and adults with noise related hearing loss have been seen and that major cause of hearing loss in children is infection of noise, sinus extending into the ear.